

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph at page 2, lines 2-11, as follows:

Networks and network communications facilitate the flow of information between a variety of users. As the network functionality has expanded to encompass multimedia, audio and video application as well as the increased use of complex routed networks, the flow of data over networks has increased significantly. Accordingly, it is vital to ensure that networks operate reliably and efficiently. [[On]] One method used to encourage network efficiency and reliability is to implement network management applications.

Please amend the paragraph at page 8, lines 4-13, as follows:

In the present embodiment, MCU 212 is operably coupled to second endpoint device 216 such that communication between MCU 212 and second endpoint 216 is facilitated. Similarly, first endpoint device 214 is operably coupled to ~~first~~ second endpoint [[214]] 216 such that communication between first endpoint 214 and second endpoint 216 is facilitated. First endpoint 214 is operably coupled to second gatekeeper device 220 and second gatekeeper device 220 is operably connected to first gatekeeper device 218.